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the rural dispensary at Vittal - Papers
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PUBLIC Health DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

MIDWIVES - Passing of paybills - Vittal Midwife attached to the Rural Dispensary, Vittal - July and August 1931 - Certificate of Satisfactory work - refused by the District Medical Officer, S.K. Referred to Government for orders.

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Ref. C. No. 4431-Sub'31.

Station PUTTUR, *Dated the* 31st DECEMBER 1931.

From (Name) M. R. Ry. Molahalli Shiva Rao, Avergal.,
(Designation) PRESIDENT; Taluk Board, Puttur, South Kanara Dt.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (Public Health Department.
MADRAS.

Through, The District Medical Officer, S.K; &
The Surgeon General with the Government of Madras, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for orders of Government the hard case of the midwife attached to the Rural Dispensary, Vittal, whose paybills for July and August '31 have been declined to be countersigned by the District Medical Officer because of unsatisfactory work as she had conducted only one case in each of the two months.

2. The minimum number of cases fixed by the Board for Vittal is six. There were 14 births in the village in July and 16 in August. The District Medical Officer therefore sent the bills here without his countersignature as the out-turn of one case per month in the two months was

unsatisfactory. I thereupon took down her explanation for the shortage. She stated that she had visited 15 out of the 30 - cases in the two months, before delivery in accordance with -- orders from this office to visit the expectant mothers, that she was sent for only in two cases which she attended. She submitted further that she had been working assiduously, going round and chumming with expectant mothers but that the actual calls were few for two reasons:- (1) easy and natural deliveries by the time she is summoned and (2) local service by a number of barbar midwives dotted all over in every population centre in the village.

3. The village proper of Vittal is a small bazaar concentrated at the junction of three roads. The bulk of the population is scattered over numerous hill-sides and valleys away from the - bazaar, the farthest distance being three miles. I have ---- scrutinised all the labour cases in the two months and the following table shows the dates, number of cases and distance from the village proper:-

July 1931.	Date.	No.of cases.	Distance in miles.
	1	1	1½
	2	1	2
	4	1	3
	5	1	2¼
	12	1	2
	15	3	1-1½-3
	17	1	1
	23	2	1½ -2
	24	2	1-1½
	29	1	¼ (attended by Midwife)
		14	
August'31.	1	3	1-1-3
	2	2	3/4-1½
	4	1	3
	11	2	1-3/4
	19	1	3
	21	1	1½
	22	2	1
	23	1	2 -in the village(attended)
	26	1	1½
	27	1	1½
	29	1	1½
		16	

4. It is seen from the above that within a mile of the -- village proper there were only four cases in July of which she attended one and similarly she attended one out of seven such cases in August. Except the one case which she attended in - August all the rest in both the months were not in the village

and that it was a mere rough approximate figure not based on the average births or population. Off and on there was shortage but it was not generally visited with punishment. Our taluk board has not adopted any scale of rewards for extra cases beyond the minimum nor have we promised, much less paid, any remuneration for extra work as contemplated in para 5 of the Government Order referred to above.

8. The criterion of judging work merely by the number of cases attended seems to me to be hollow and unreliable as it will give a premium to ~~j~~udging which, as is fairly wellknown, exists to a considerable extent elsewhere but has been brought under control here and statements of genuine and true cases encouraged. The £ figures in past times were for the most part vitiated by unreliability as the midwife's statement of cases was often extracted from the birth register and the -- Medical Officer mechanically submitted them here without any obligation whatever in regard to verification of such cases. I have put a stop to this old practice and impressed on all Medical Officers that they should satisfy themselves that the cases were really attended by the midwife. I fear this -- salutary reformation will receive a set back if importance is to be given to numbers.

9. I have to mention with pleasure that the District -- Medical Officer seems to have relaxed his mechanical standard of judging work as I find that he has since countersigned the same midwife's bills for October (3 cases) and November (5 cases). There is no difficulty as to December as I understand 8 cases have been attended on in the first three weeks.

10. For all the reasons and circumstances set forth above, I request that Government may be pleased

a) to direct that the subsidy for July and August 1931 be paid to the midwife,

b) to issue clear instructions as to the criteria for - judging whether midwife's work is satisfactory or not; &

c) to state for guidance whether anti-natal visits and

attendance

attendance at Dispensary when dis-engaged from part of the duties of midwifes counting as work done or duty -- performed in addition to attending on labour cases.

Your most obedient Servant.

President,
Puttur Taluk Board.

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From P. T. B. Puttur

~~The S. G.~~ Ref. No. 4431-Sub'31 of 31. 12-31

Subject.

Contribution - Puttur Tk Bd (S. Kanara) Payment of Subsidy to the midwife at Vittal —

Memo :— 1249-A 02 P.H.92-2

The Surgeon-General is requested to transmit with his remarks the letter of the P. T. B. Puttur Ref. No. 4431 - Sub '31, dt 31. 12. 31, on the above subject.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

MIDWIVES attached to Rural Dispensaries - Vittal midwife in South Kanara District - Paybills for July and August 1931 - Certificate of satisfactory work - Letter to the Government withdrawn.

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Station P U T T U R; . *Dated the* 26th FEBRUARY 1932

From (Name) M. R. Ry. Molahalli Shiva Rao, Avergal.,
P R E S I D E N T;
(Designation) Taluk Board, Puttur, South Kanara Dt

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Through, LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (P. Health) Department
Fort Saint George, Madras.
The Surgeon General with the Government of Madras, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit that the District Medical Officer, South Kanara has since consented to countersign the paybills for July and August 1931 of the Vittal Midwife and so I hereby with draw my letter Ref.C.Nc.4431-Sub'31 dated 31-12-1931, a copy of which was submitted to Government in advance.

Your most obedient Servant.

M. Shivarao
President,
Puttur Taluk Board.

Copy to the Dt.Medl.Officer, S.K. with reference to his No.1591-32 dated 22-2-1932. The M.O.Vittal has been requested to prepare and send the paybill - of the Midwife through you.
k.s/27-2.

Copy of letter from the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, Mangalore, to the Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, Madras, Ref.No.1591-2/32 dated 25-2-1932.

Ref:-Your endorsement dated 22-2-1932 on the letter of the President, Taluk Board, Puttur - regarding the payment of subsidy to the midwife at Vittal.

I am forwarding herewith all the connected papers.

The only criterion to pass the pay bill of a rural dispensary midwife is the number of labour cases done by her. The minimum is fixed by the President, Taluk Board considering the popularity of the station and the surrounding village in consultation with the District Medical Officer.

This midwife's minimum is fixed as six per month.

The midwife had done only two cases for two months July and August 1931. And it was for these months that her pay bill was objected to be countersigned by the District Medical Officer here. After September 1931 there is an improvement in her work. And so I recommended that she might be warned severely and her pay bill passed and the minimum fixed for her might be reduced. But the President did not send the bill for countersignature again as was requested by me in my letter Ref.No.1591/32 dated 28-1-1932. Then I again reminded him of it in my letter Ref.No.1591-1/32 dated 22-2-1932 and I pointed out that it was not necessary to forward his letter Ref.C.No.4431-Sub.31 dated 31-12-1931 to the Government.

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Local Self Government (Public Health) **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Subsidized rural dispensary, Vittal - Puttur Taluk Board - payment of arrear subsidy due to the midwife attached to the -

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R.No. 399 Hospitals.

Station Madras. , *Dated the* 11th March, 1932.

From (Name) Major-General C.A. Sprawson, C.I.E., V.H.S., I.M.S.,
(Designation) Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madra

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To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Local Self Government (Public Health) Department.

Sir,

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 1249-1 D.2 P.H. dated 2-2-32.

I have the honour to forward herewith letter D. Dis. No. 16/32 dated 26-2-32 from the President, Taluk Board, Puttur, South Kanara District, withdrawing his previous letter Ref. C. No. 4431-Sub-31 dated 31-12-31. A copy of the remark of the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, dated 25-2-32 agreeing to countersign the pay bills of the midwife for the months of July and August 1931, is also enclosed herewith for the

the information of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C. A. Pearson

Major-General I.M.S.,
Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

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